

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. - 16. Canceled)

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~~17.~~ (Currently Amended) A composition for use in the treatment of a metal surface comprising a blend of water, an organo-functional silane, and a borate ester comprising an amine functional group.

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~~18.~~ (Original) The composition in accordance with claim ¹~~17~~, wherein:

said organo-functional silane is selected from the group consisting of an aminopropyltriethoxy silane, a vinyl triethoxy silane, and a Bis (gamma trimethoxysilylpropyl) amine and mixtures thereof; and

said borate ester is selected from the group consisting of monoethanolamine borate and monoisopropanolamine borate and mixtures thereof.

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~~19.~~ (Currently Amended) ~~The composition in accordance with claim 18, wherein:~~

~~said organo-functional silane is~~ A composition for use in the treatment of a metal surface comprising a blend of water, an aminopropyltriethoxy silane, and

~~said borate ester is monoethanolamine borate.~~

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~~20.~~ (Original) The composition in accordance with claim ¹~~17~~, wherein said organo-functional silane and said borate ester are added in an amount to achieve a total weight percent of about 1.0% to about 4.0%.

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~~21.~~ (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~composition in accordance with claim ⁴~~20~~, wherein said organo-functional silane and said borate ester are added in an amount to achieve a total weight percent of about 1.5% to about 3.0%.

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~~22.~~ (Original) A composition for use in the treatment of a metal surface consisting of a blend of water, an organo-functional silane, and a borate ester.

23. - 26. (Canceled)